

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 21, 2014**

Town of Bedford
Bedford Town Hall
Lower Level Conference Room

PRESENT: William Moonan, Chair; Alan Long, Vice Chair; Karen Kalil-Brown, Clerk;
Carol Carlson; Christopher Weisz

ABSENT: Lori Dunham

Mr. Moonan introduced himself and read the emergency evacuation notice.

PRESENTATION: Ms. Kalil-Brown read the notice of the hearing.

PETITION #012-14 – Leonard’s Music, 128 Great Road, for removal of dead trees.

Michael Leonard, the owner of Leonard’s Music, introduced himself and said that there was a patch of land at the front of his property, approximately 40’x40’, where several groups of trees stand. He said that a group there are a bunch of trees, but one set in the center that is actually all one tree. He said one of the trees already fell down and the others were dead.

MOTION:

Mr. Long moved to allow Mike Leonard, of Leonard’s Music, to remove dead trees 128 Great Road, as shown on upper photograph on Exhibit A.

Ms. Kalil-Brown seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Long, Kalil-Brown, Carlson, Weisz

Voting against: None

Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 5-0-0.

PRESENTATION: Ms. Kalil-Brown read the notice of the hearing.

PETITION #011-14 – Pamela Brown, Esq., 16 Concord Road,

Mr. Moonan said this hearing had been re-advertised and was therefore considered a new meeting at which all members could vote. He said that, the last time the Commission met, the Board opted to have a site assessment and structural analysis done to document the house at 16 Concord Road. Ms. Brown said that assessment had been done and the analysis proved that the house was not salvageable and there was no way to preserve it.

There was extensive discussion about the house, its history, and its construction details.

Mr. Moonan said he was not opposed to demolishing this house but was concerned about the gradual loss of Bedford's Historic District. May be the right thing to do but want to make sure it's the right thing to do.

Ms. Kalil-Brown said that any charm or architectural uniqueness this house might have once had is now gone, and she felt that this was one structure that did not merit saving. The other members agreed.

Ms. Carlson said the approval of demolition should be contingent on the approval of what will be there. Ms. Brown said she fully expected that condition.

Mr. Moonan called for a motion to approve the demolition.

MOTION:

Mr. Long moved to approve the proposal of Richard Iovino as represented by Pamela Brown, Esq. for the demolition of the property at 16 Concord Road, contingent upon two conditions:

- 1) Mr. Iovino make a gift to the Town of \$1,500 which the Town will use to hire a surveyor to survey and document the existing property for the Town's archives, and the Town will engage the contractor for that purpose.
- 2) The applicants will bring to the Commission plans for the proposed replacement structure, and the Commission must approve plans for the new structure before demolition of the existing structure can take place.

Ms. Kalil-Brown seconded the motion.

Mr. Moonan stated that he would be voting against this motion, but he stressed that he was not against the survey or the gift of \$1,500; he was simply against the demolition of this structure at this particular point in time.

Voting in favor: Kalil-Brown, Long, and Weisz

Voting against: Moonan and Carlson

Abstained: None

The motion carried, 3-2-0.

MOTION:

Ms. Kalil-Brown moved to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Carlson seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Kalil-Brown, Carlson, Long, and Weisz

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Voting against: None
Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

William Moonan, Chairman Date

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Gould
HDC Assistant